THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN); (a) The total value of production in Ordnance Factory Ambajhari in 1992-93 has been Rs. 78.3 crore (provisional) as against Rs. 67.8 cr. in 1991-92.

(b) and (c) The value added per worker in the factory in 1991-92 has been Be. 44,268l-. The value added compares well with other similar ordnance factories.

Defence installations in Kasauli

1929- SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether defence installations in Kasauli have been threatened by unchecked building activity around it;

lb; whether Government have taken up the matter with the Himacha] Pradesh Government; and

(c) if so. the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (c) Several representations from voluntary organisations and residents of Kasauli Canton-men't in Himachal Pradesh alleging unauthorised constructions outside the Can-toment limits endangering the existing environment [defence installations etc. were received in the Ministry of Defence. As an immediate measure a ban was imposed on movement of trucks carrying building materia] from Cantonment areas by the local military authorities and for stopping supply of water for construction related activities outside the cantonments

Earlier in view of mushrooming multi-storeyed apartments under construction in the periphery of Kasauli Cantonment, the matter regarding extension of provision of Section 286 of the Cantonments Act, 1924 upto 1 km. from the existing boundaries of Cantonment was taken up

-it!; Himachal Pradesh Government During (subsequent meeting with the State Government authorities, the impor-of preservation of security and otimen; of Kasauli Cantonment in the conlext of builders activities was Pressed upon For their pari, the State Government have constituted. Kasauli Planning Area with effect from 17-10-1991 under Section 31 of Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Act, 1977. The State Government have also under notification dated 31-08-91 frozen the existing land use of Kasauli Planning Area for a period of 3 years.

Use of land acquired by Ministry of Defence

1930. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Defence has not been able *to* make use of the lands acquired by it;

(b) what are the State-wise details of (he land acquired during the last three

(c) whether Government could achieve the objectives for which the land was acquired: and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Lands were acquired by the Ministry of Defence, to serve both short and long term defence purposes. The extent of utilisation inter-alia, is dependent on availability of funds as well as intense priorities of various defence schemes.

The state-wise details of land acquired for defence purposes during the last three years are indicated in the annexed '.latemtnt.